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### TRUSTEES' MEETING

At the regular meeting of the Board, Thursday, July 5, all the members and officers were present; minutes of last regular meeting were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

Mr. George A. Rogers, representing the Entira Peerless Street Sprinkling company, submitted an offer of a sprinkling outfit for \$400.00. Offer taken under advisement.

Fitzpatrick's acceptance of the Oil Pipeline franchise filed as of May 4. Fitzpatrick's assignment of the Oil Pipeline franchise to the General Pipeline Company of California, accepted approved and filed.

A note on the minutes was made of the service of summons and complaint on the city, Board of Trustees and City Marshall, in a suit by the Tropico Water Company to restrain the City from enforcing the provisions of Ordinance No. 37, regulating rates and charges for water service.

In this connection as a citizen and rate payer, N. C. Burch asked the appointment of a commission to consist of Messrs. Webster, Oliver, E. S. Ayres and Ernest Morgan to investigate the alleged fact of the complaint and conditions generally as to the city's water supply and service. Mr. Baker having interposed objection the matter was dropped.

On motion it was ordered that the Board meet in committee of the whole on Tuesday, July 10, 1912, for the purpose of considering the same.

As appears in following:

### PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Freeholders of Los Angeles County was held last Tuesday evening, and after listening to addresses by County Superintendent of Schools Koppel and County Assessor Hopkins, the following resolutions were adopted:

"That the County charter provide that the county assessor be elected by the people," and "That the charter contain a provision that the county superintendent of schools be an appointive officer, the method of appointment to be determined later."

A resolution submitting to the people the question of electing supervisors at large, as an alternative proposition was laid on the table, to be taken up and considered later, the Board, at a previous meeting having adopted the proposition of electing the supervisors by districts.

The report of the Committee on Roads and Highways was made a special order of business for the next meeting.

The following resolution was adopted:

"That the charter contain provision that the following officers, if provided for under the charter, be appointed by the Board of Supervisors: County Clerk, Treasurer, Recorder, Tax Collector, Public Administrator, Coroner, Surveyor, Registrar of Voters."

The secretary was instructed to send a complete copy of the proceedings and reports of the Board to the Board of Freeholders of San Bernardino County, at the same time requesting that the San Bernardino County Board forward copies of their minutes and reports to the Los Angeles County Board.

### WATER COMPANY SUES CITY OF TROPICO

The Tropico Water company, a corporation engaged in the business of supplying the city and the inhabitants of the City of Tropico with water for domestic and irrigation purposes, has brought suit against the City, its Board of Trustees and Officers to restrain them from enforcing the provisions of the ordinance adopted and approved April 4, 1912, regulating charges for the installation of water meters, rates for water service, and requiring the Company to maintain an office in the city for the transaction of its business.

With the complaint in the case is filed an affidavit for an order to show cause made by Ralph Rogers, in which he states that he is the manager of

the Tropico Water Company; that said water company is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business at number 317 South Hill street, in the city of Los Angeles, California. That if the plaintiff complies with the provisions of the said ordinance, its collections and receipts thereunder will not aggregate a sufficient sum or income to pay plaintiff's operating expenses with. That the provisions of said ordinance are confiscatory, unconstitutional and void; and ought not to be enforced.

Attached to plaintiff's complaint is the following statement of the company's receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1911:

### REPORT TROPICO WATER COMPANY January 1 to December 31, 1911 RECEIPTS

Domestic Water Collections \$ 8,108.95  
Irrigation Water Collections 2,958.80  
Taps or Connections 460.50  
Meters 261.50  
Assessments 2.50  
Pipes, etc. 137.60  
Fines and turn-ons 41.55

Total \$11,971.40

### EXPENDITURES

Interest on bonded indebtedness \$ 1,480.50  
Rent 300.00  
Fuel and Feed 937.02  
Material 192.73  
Taxes, License and Franchise 158.96  
Pipes and Meters 1,361.22  
Labor 2,685.74  
Expenses assessment of Cerdugo Canyon Water Company 527.89  
DeGarmo Judgment 300.00  
Switzer & Hutton, attorneys 143.85  
Horse and Buggy, collecting and meter reading 127.60  
Office Help: manager, secretary, auditor and collectors, etc. 2,166.61  
Printing, Permits, Stationery, Postage, Incidentals 285.80

Total \$10,667.98

Attached to plaintiff's complaint is the following statement of the property of the company and its estimated value by the the company's manager.

### REAL ESTATE, ETC.

1 1/2 acres in Child's Tract \$2,000.00  
Lots 8, 9, 10, Breedlove Tract 1,995.00  
Reservoir, 500,000 gal. capacity 3,500.00  
Shop and Engine House 300.00  
Two 35 H-P Gasoline Engines 2,400.00  
Two Centrifugal Pumps 600.00  
92,000 feet of pipe, 2-in. to 12-in. in size, averaging 40 cents per foot, also fittings and meters 36,700.05  
1007 3/4 shares Verdugo Canyon Water Company @ 13 dollars per share 13,100.75

Total \$59,796.70

The provisions of the ordinance against the enforcement of which the officers of the Court are invoked are specifically as follows:

Section 7. Any person, company, or corporation supplying or distributing water to the City of Tropico, or its inhabitants shall maintain an office or place of business in said City of Tropico, and shall have a person in charge thereof during business hours of each business day, who shall be authorized to collect the water rates for such person, company or corporation, and to receipt therefor, and no such person, company or corporation so supplying water that does not comply with the provisions of this section shall have the right to impose any penalty or charge for non-payment of water rates or delinquency in such payment, or to shut off any water from any water consumer for the non-payment of any water rates or for delinquency in any such payment.

Section 9. It shall be unlawful for any person, company or corporation, either as principal, agent, employee, or otherwise, to charge, demand, collect or receive any rate or compensation for water supplied during the year commencing July 1st, 1912, to the City of Tropico, or to any inhabitant thereof, in excess of the rate fixed by this ordinance.

Section 10. That any person, company or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars, or by imprisonment in the County Jail of the County of Los Angeles, for a period of not more than three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. That the monthly rates to be charged and collected for the year commencing July 1st, 1912, for water supplied through a meter to the City of Tropico or to the inhabitants thereof, are hereby fixed as follows:

For domestic use, and all business purposes other than orchard or field irrigation, as follows:  
For 800 cubic feet, or less \$1.25  
For each 100 cubic feet in excess of 800 cubic feet . . . . . 07

It will be seen that this section, lowering the water rate from \$1.50 and 8 cents, the former rate, to \$1.25 and 7 cents, is the principal object of attack. It is based upon the showing of receipts and disbursements, above set out. If the showing is not refuted as false at the hearing the enforcement of the section will be denied. The hearing of the case is set for July 22.

**We have it direct from Mr. Brand that the Tropico Water Company is in default to him for the interest on the bonds of the company, of which he is the holder, for some \$24,000, and that he is proceeding to immediately foreclose his deed of trust on the property of the company to satisfy his claim.**

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\* LOCAL AND PERSONAL. \*  
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H. G. Van Meter and William Kenzie have gone by auto-car to Fresno for a brief vacation.

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Frank R. Jones and wife and Mrs. A. Marion Spear are visiting friends at Selma, Fresno County, Cal.

**MACDONALD'S EXPRESS TRANSFER AND STORAGE, 1111 W. BROADWAY, GLENDALE.**

J. Jones and family of Hollywood were guests of S. A. Robertson and family on Tropico avenue, Sunday last.

**IF YOU WANT A HOME IN THIS VALLEY, SEE CUNNINGHAM, SUNSET 251-J.**

Dee Flanders is home from a sojourn at San Diego. A good time and some interesting events to remember of the first landing place in California of the mission fathers.

**MACDONALD'S EXPRESS TRANSFER AND STORAGE, 1111 W. BROADWAY, GLENDALE.**

L. D. Hyer and family are the first to have a home in the Pacific Home Builders' Angeles Tract, in Tropico. Mrs. Hyer is the daughter of L. L. Baker of this city.

**HAVE THE SENTINEL SENT TO YOU AT YOUR VACATION ADDRESS. NO EXTRA CHARGE.**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson and family are on a visit to their old home at Santa Paula. In Mr. Richardson's absence his assistant, Paul Gilmore, has charge of the Presbyterian Sunday school.

**FINE LINGERIE; ALSO WHITE CROSS CORSETS, AT MRS. NORTON'S, 411 SO. BRAND BOULEVARD, GLENDALE.**

Mr. and Mrs. Valdez, of El Bonito avenue, were guests of their mother, Mrs. Coughlan at the hospital in Los Angeles Sunday, and bearers to her of cheering floral gifts.

**FOR SALE—LARGE LOT, CALIFORNIA HOUSE, GLENDALE. \$500 CASH. A SNAP. WILL GO QUICK. O. E. BURCH, SENTINEL OFFICE. BOTH PHONES.**

O. E. Burch and William Wieblitz returned Saturday from a trip to Santa Barbara, Ventura, Oxnard, Matilija Springs and other points of interest. They were gone a week and enjoyed their outing immensely.

**AGENCY FOR MAY MANTON'S PATTERNS, ALL 10 CENTS EACH, AT MRS. T. H. NORTON'S, 411 SO. BRAND BOULEVARD, GLENDALE.**

A petition for the nomination of a candidate for office to have validity must be signed by voters shown by their registration certificates to be of the same party as that of the candidate whose petition they sign.

Mr. Chas. McKenney, of the Frank B. McKenney & Son hardware store, and Guy Maxwell, of the Morgan Maxwell Dairy Company, drove by auto to Ventura Saturday last via Saugus and returned Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leudke of San Francisco are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Leudke, 112 S. Brand boulevard. Mr. Leudke is a brother of the doctor and a director of the Owl Drug Company of San Francisco.

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H. W. Augustus, Sam Rich and Albert Hezmalhach are looking after the interests of H. G. Van Meter's Tropico Ice and express business in his absence of a few weeks' vacation at Fresno, Cal.

Col. Coughlan of Cerritos and Gardena avenues is passing the most of his time with his wife at the hospital, where she is slowly recovering from a dangerous surgical operation, recently performed for the removal of a tumor.

For a second time the stork has visited the home of Mr. Charles and Mrs. Mildred Moser, and for the second time has left them a boy blessing. The entry made in the book of births as the date of the last arrival is Saturday, July 6, 1912.

Miss Helen Robertson started from her Tropico home on Tuesday of last week for an extended trip through the principal cities of the northern part of the state, including Selma, where she will stop for a visit to Miss May Connelly, of Selma. She will return via San Francisco.

It appears to be still necessary for the Glendale correspondent of the Los Angeles "Times" to make Glendale's building and real estate transactions look large, to copy into his report from the SENTINEL a large number of building and real estate transactions in Tropico.

Mrs. Ella W. Richardson and family, except Miss Eulalia, are on their way home to Tropico from Palo Alto in their auto car. Their household goods have preceded them. Miss Eulalia, who has been teaching at Stanford the past year, left for New York on Sunday the 7th on her way home to Tropico, via Panama.

On his visit to Oxnard Mr. O. E. Burch, of this paper, was pleased to meet Mrs. W. C. Botkin, wife of the former pastor of the M. E. Church of this city, and to see her fully restored to health and activity. For the most of her daily life here in Tropico Mrs. Botkin lived in her invalid chair. The news of her recovery will be precious to her many friends in Tropico and elsewhere in California.

Mrs. Aaron Wolf, of Pomona, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Belinda Riley, on Cypress street. Mrs. Wolf, nee Clara Riley, passed her early girlhood and later married life in Tropico; knew the old town in the incipency of its existence before it had a store or a post office. Her husband was the old town's first storekeeper, in a building that then stood on the southeast corner of the property, then owned by her father, Levi Riley, since deceased, which afterwards passed into the hands of H. H. Davenport, and is now known as the Davenport Tract, corner of Cypress and Glendale avenue. It may be a matter of curious interest to recall that the name of the place as then first proposed was Riverdale or Glendale. Mrs. Wolf's father and father-in-law were leaders of the German Baptist Society of Los Angeles and vicinity, the place of worship for which on Glendale avenue, was built by her father, and where Mrs. Wolf's clear, strong voice in songs of praise and worship were wont to hear in those good old days of peace and quiet, forever gone. Mrs. Wolf can but marvel over the changes she notes in the old town.

### SOCIETY NOTES

Miss Cora Hickman announces to her numerous friends that she will desert Imperial Valley Saturday, and return to her home in Tropico.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Eddleman and Mrs. D. H. Imler were visiting friends in El Monte during the week, and while there they paid a fraternal visit to Lexington chapter, O.E.S.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Watson, on Brand boulevard, have leased their home for a month, to Mrs. A. Alexander of Los Angeles, and will rusticate for a time—take a rest from the toils and duties that go with home-keeping.

Mrs. C. M. Scott, on Glendale avenue, left Saturday, with her daughter, Miss Nellie, for Grand Rapids, Mich., where they will visit friends. From there they will go to New Albany, N. Y., where they will part company. Mrs. Scott to remain till September, while Miss Nellie will go to New York City.

J. B. Hickman was honored on Friday by N. P. Banks Post in a marked degree, when he was presented with a beautiful silver loving cup, in appreciation of his loyalty to the G.A.R. Mr. Hickman carried the colors in N.P. Banks ranks a decade, and was always there, and his fellow-members show in this manner their appreciation of his fidelity to the post and what it represents. Robert Taylor made the presentation speech.

A party of young folks from this

place enjoyed a moonlight picnic at Griffith Park, Monday evening. At the park a wiener roast was enjoyed, after which marshmallows were toasted. The trip to the park was made by auto. The company included Misses Carrie and May Cornwell, Freda Borthick and Blanche Davenport, and Messrs. Albert Cornwell, Harry Marple, Frank Mosek and John Fan-set. The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marple and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Maranville.

Mrs. Anna Smith's home on Riverdale drive was a scene of beauty and delight on Tuesday evening, when Miss Hazel Dawes, a teacher in the Long Beach schools, and Randolph Shrode of Artesia were united in marriage. The home was garlanded with feathery blooms and foliage, and caterers were brought from Los Angeles to prepare the refreshments. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Carsten; Mr. and Mrs. G. Murphy were attendants, and two little maidens, Evelyn Shrode and Leona Larsen, were flower girls.

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Goudie, Oak drive, were the victims of an enjoyable surprise party, tendered them by their friends. A cordial reception was tendered the party. The hours were passed in music, talks and readings, and at 10 o'clock refreshments, which had been brought in abundance, were served and disposed of by the happy company. Mr. and Mrs. Goudie were presented with a cut-glass dish, in a neat little speech, by one of the donors, as a token of esteem and as a memento of their crystal wedding. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. May, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cheever, Mr. and Mrs. C. de Graaf, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Berkhardt, Mrs. Dora Eichhorn, Oswin Eichhorn, Master Oscar Berkhardt and the Misses Alberta McDonald and Ella May.

Miss Emily Ellias of Tropico has gone to her old Chicago childhood home to make an extended visit. A progressive party was given in her honor last Monday evening by a number of her friends of the progressive persuasion. The party met at the home of Miss George Duffett on Lomita avenue and after an hour in games went to the home of Misses Emma and Myrtle Pulliam, after which they journeyed to the home of Miss Pearl Goode, where they remained during the rest of the evening and where refreshments were served, consisting of hot wieners and rolls and coffee. The guests present were: Misses Helen Robertstine, George Duffett, Myrtle and Emma Pulliam, Emily and Lillian Ellias, Bernice Williams, Alpha Clement, Harriet Baird, Olive Quirk, Ruth Brown, Anna Woodberry, Evelyn Ryan and Pearl Goode, and Messrs. Owen Emery, Sol Reharr, Dwight Stevenson, John Smalley, Fay Stone, Will Livingston, Gus Pulliam, Charleston Dow, Leo Wheeler, Allen Davenport, Leo Goode, Alexander McElroy, Granville McClure and George Mitchell.

### TREASURY STATEMENT

The receipts and disbursements of the office of the City Treasurer for the month of June, 1912 are as follows:  
June 1, balance in treasury \$1,860.99  
June 30, receipts for month 1,698.42

Total \$3,559.32

June 30, disbursements for month 487.72

July 1, balance in treasury \$3,071.60

Receipts for month were from county treasurer of balance due city from county road fund.

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It's easy to be cheerful when good things come your way;  
It's easy to speak proudly to every one you meet,  
Except when you are feeling the bruise of defeat.

It's easy to talk bravely when danger is not near;

It's easy to have courage when there is naught to fear;

It's easy to be boasting when you are safe ashore.

That you hear only music when angry billows roar.

It's easy to cry "Coward"—when you have not been tried—

At him who runs from danger, forgetting manly pride;

It's easy to be telling how fearless you would be

When all is peaceful round you, as far as you can see.

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## MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEET

**Program for the Convention of the National League to Be Held in Los Angeles July 8 to 12.**

Following is the program for the convention of the National Municipal League to be held in Los Angeles July 8 to 12.

**Monday Evening, July 8th, 8 o'clock.**  
Presiding Officer—Hon. Hiram Johnson, governor of California.

Address of Welcome—Hon. George Alexander, mayor of Los Angeles.  
Response by Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, Harvard university, former vice-president, National Municipal League.  
Annual Address of the President—"Expert City Management"—Hon. William Dudley Foulke.

**Tuesday Morning, July 9, 9:30 o'clock.**  
Annual meeting of the National Municipal League.

President Foulke in the chair.  
Report of Executive Committee—M. N. Baker, Montclair, N. J.

Report of Treasurer—George Burnham, Jr., Philadelphia.

Report of the Committee on Nominations—Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte, Baltimore, Md., chairman.

Committee of the council consists of Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte, Baltimore, Md., chairman; Robert S. Binkerd, City club, New York; M. N. Baker, Montclair, N. J.; Charles C. Burlingame, New York; Prof. Chas. A. Beard, Columbia university, New York.

Election of officers and council.  
Simplicity, Publicity and Efficiency in Municipal Affairs—Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Philadelphia, Pa., secretary.

Commission Government for Large Cities—Prof. William Bennett Munro, assistant professor of government, Harvard university, Cambridge, Mass.

Home Rule in California—Prof. Thomas H. Reed, assistant professor of government, University of California, Berkeley, Cal.

County Home Government—Hon. Leslie R. Hewitt, Senator from Los Angeles, Richard S. Childs, New York, Secretary of the Short Ballot Organization; Percy V. Long, city attorney, San Francisco, Cal.

**Tuesday Afternoon, July 9, 1 o'clock.**  
Round Table luncheon at the Hotel Alexandria.

**Tuesday Afternoon, July 9, 3 o'clock.**  
President Foulke in the chair.

Honesty plus Efficiency—Meyer Lissner, Los Angeles.

The Need for an Adequate Civil Service Law—Elliot H. Goodwin, New York, Secretary of the National Civil Service Reform League.

Report of the Committee on the Selection and Retention of Higher Municipal Officials. This report is the result of a two years' effort of a joint committee of the National Municipal League and the National Civil Service Reform League, composed of Clinton Rogers Woodruff, chairman, Horace E. Deming, New York; Richard Henry Dana, Cambridge, Mass.; Stiles P. Jones, Minneapolis, Minn.; William Dudley Foulke, Richmond, Ind.; Elliot H. Goodwin, New York; Robert Catherwood, Chicago.

**PARALLEL SESSION.**  
**Tuesday Afternoon, July 9, 3 o'clock.**

Mrs. Andrew C. Lohinger—Former president Woman's City club of Los Angeles, presiding.

Municipal Housekeeping—Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Municipal Health Problem—M. N. Baker, Montclair, N. J.

Civic Education—Arthur W. Dunn, secretary Public Education association, New York.

**Wednesday Morning, July 10, 10 o'clock.**

President Foulke, presiding.

Municipal finances will be represented in two parts, one on "Accounting as a Basis for Effective Administration," by William B. Hadley, of the Controller's office, Philadelphia, and the other on "Budget Making: Its Necessity and Significance," by Dr. Jesse D. Burks, professor of the Philadelphia Bureau of Municipal Research.

George Burnham, Jr., Philadelphia, chairman of the league's committee on City Finances and Budgets will preside. Dr. F. A. Cleveland of Washington, D. C., chairman of the president's commission on Economy and Efficiency, will open the discussion and answer questions dealing with the application of the principles enunciated by Messrs. Hadley and Burks.

**Wednesday Afternoon, July 10, 3 o'clock.**

Meyer Lissner, Los Angeles, presiding.

Excess Condemnation—Robert S. Binkerd, New York, secretary of the New York City club.

State versus Municipal Regulation of Public Utilities—John M. Eschman, San Francisco, president of the Railroad Commission of California; Lewis R. Works, former president, Board of Public Utilities.

Street Railway Franchises—Dr. De los F. Wilcox, franchise expert of the Public Utilities Commission, New York City; J. W. S. Peters, Esq., Kansas City, president Kansas City club.

**PARALLEL SESSION.**  
**Wednesday Afternoon, July 10.**

Frank J. Symmes, San Francisco, presiding.

An Adequate Housing Problem—John Hilder, New York, field secretary National Housing association; Rev. Dana Bartlett, The Bethlehem Institution, Los Angeles.

Commission Government and City Planning—Dr. Ernest S. Bradford, Washington, D. C.

Dinner—Wednesday evening, July 10, 7 o'clock.

**Thursday Morning, July 11, 10 o'clock.**  
President Foulke in the chair.

The Work of the League of California Municipalities—H. A. Mason, San Francisco, secretary, League of California Municipalities.

The Actual Operation of the Initiative, Referendum and Recall—Dr. John R. Haynes, Los Angeles, president, Direct Legislation league of Los Angeles.

The Boss' Day in Court—Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart, Cambridge, Mass.; Dorman B. Eaton, professor of government, Harvard university.

The Elimination of the Party Boss in California Cities by Chester H. Rowell, Fresno, California, editor of Fresno Republican and one of the leaders in the emancipation of California Municipalities.

The Actual Operation of Woman Suffrage in Pacific Coast Cities—Mrs.

Charles Farwell Edison, Los Angeles, chairman of organization, Political Equality league of California.

**Thursday Afternoon**

Socialism in the Cities—Max L. Larkin, acting instructor in economics—to be expanded.

**Friday Morning, July 12, 10 o'clock.**  
Proposed Charter for Los Angeles—The proposed charter for Los Angeles drafted by special commission appointed by the council of the city will be submitted for general consideration, discussion and criticism.

Among those who have been invited to participate in the discussion are Hon. William Dudley Foulke, Robert S. Binkerd, Dr. E. S. Bradford, Richard S. Childs, Dr. F. A. Cleveland, Dr. John A. Fairlie, H. S. Gilbertson, Elliot H. Goodwin, Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, Prof. Augustus Raymond Hatton, John Hilder, J. W. S. Peters, Prof. Thos. H. Reed, Dr. De los F. Wilcox, Clinton Rogers Woodruff.

**WOULD SUSPEND WILD AND UNFIT DRIVERS**

Before leaving for Toronto, Canada, today, to attend the annual convention of the International Association of Police Chiefs, Chief Sebastian announced that he will advocate before that body the adoption of uniform laws in all the states governing the licensing and driving of automobiles.

The chief believes every person who drives a machine should first be examined as to his fitness and skill, and those not passing a given standard should be refused licenses. He says many accidents are the result of careless driving by unskilled and unfit persons and that to eliminate the tragic side of motoring it must be trusted only to skilled persons.

Violation of the law works suspension or forfeiture of the right to drive, according to his plans, and this will exclude those who now cause most of the accidents, he believes.

**VACATE LAND STRIPS.**

Board of Public Works Sends Recommendation to Council.

Vacation of a strip of land five feet wide on the south side of Rodeo road west of Van Ness avenue without charge other than the cost of the proceedings, was recommended to the council by the board of public works.

The board held that as the owners of the tract had deeded a strip for a street in an adjacent tract, which they also own, that no charge be made.

Abandonment of an alley between Secret Street and the Mabery Heights tract also was recommended on payment of \$53, which is one-half the estimated value of the land to be vacated.

**COMPLAINT OF DELAY BRINGS EXPLANATION**

Complaints of property owners that contractors do not immediately begin work on street improvement jobs as soon as the contracts have been signed, called forth comment from the city engineer's office in connection with one of the complaints.

It is contained in the report that if a contractor should hold himself ready to begin construction immediately upon signing a contract it would be necessary to have an elastic organization so that he could handle two or three or a dozen jobs at one time. Otherwise, if he should be a low bidder on more jobs than he could handle, he would be obliged to sublet some of them at a loss, to other parties.

In this connection, the report reads in part as follows:

"Unless a contractor can maintain an efficient organization, which is constantly at work and which does not vary greatly in personnel or size, he cannot do work economically, and if he cannot do the work economically, the public in the end pays the increased cost."

"It is the wish of this office to have work done rapidly during the construction and before the contract time elapses, but we consider that the public is much better served if a contractor does not begin a job until he is ready to push it to a rapid completion."

**WANT SAFETY BELTS.**

Industrial Committee Favors Means to Protect Lives of Workers.

Protection to workmen who endanger their lives and limbs on tall buildings is proposed in an ordinance recommended by the industrial committee. The recommendation of the committee was approved by the council and the city attorney and J. J. Backus, building inspector, are to confer and draft the ordinance necessary.

The ordinance will require that the owners or lessees of buildings of more than two stories in height, or contractors employed on buildings, must provide their employees with safety belts or such other appliances as will protect the workmen when required to clean, repair or perform any work on the outside of such building above the second story.

**WANTS LAW AMENDED**

Wilmington People Find Obstacle in Building Ordinance.

B. F. Bond of Wilmington wants an amendment to the building ordinance so it will not be necessary to build deep foundations on Wilmington filled land. He wants to put up a brick building on some Canal street property that has been filled during the recent dredging operations in the inner harbor.

He says this fill is composed of shells and sand and is much more solid than the original land on which the fill is made. But the building ordinance requires that brick buildings constructed on filled land must have the foundations two feet below the surface of the original land. Such conditions as prevail at Wilmington were not contemplated when the ordinance was drawn.

The special building ordinance commission will consider the matter.

## HARBOR IMPROVEMENT

**Construction Contemplates Cressoted and Concrete Piling For Warehouses—Temporary Structures Will Last 20 Years.**

Harbor improvements advanced a peg this week when Homer Hamlin and E. D. Vincent, the harbor engineers, submitted a report to the harbor advisory board for the improvement of the Wilmington basin and Mormon Island. Before the plans can be carried out it will be necessary to change the harbor lines and arrange with the tideland claimants a basis of settlement in case the city loses the tideland suits. Hamlin was instructed to file an application with the war department for a change of the harbor lines and Leslie R. Hewitt, special counsel for the harbor department, was instructed to make the arrangements with the claimants.

Alternate plans are suggested for Mormon Island and combinations of dredging and wharf construction involving either cressoted or concrete piling are proposed, some of the combinations being cheaper than others.

**Plans For Construction**

A 1000-foot strip of land with cressoted wooden piling and an untreated deck is estimated to cost \$62,070; a 1050-foot cressoted wharf, 60 feet wide, \$73,000; a 1000-foot concrete pile wharf with wooden deck, 50 feet wide, \$78,940; a 1050-foot concrete pile with wooden deck, 60 feet wide, \$86,520.

The dredging will require a channel 2200 feet long, 200 feet wide, 30 feet deep, from the present dredged basin running along the pierhead line to station 470 and beyond to the turning basin, at a cost of \$88,000.

An alternate dredging plan contemplates a channel of the same depth and width but 2700 feet long, following an old dredged channel. This route is longer and not as satisfactory, but will cost only \$38,400 because of the previous dredging that has been done in it.

The report on the improvement of the Wilmington basin follows: The Goodrich plans, but it will be necessary to have the harbor lines modified to some extent before they can be carried out.

This change is necessary so as to permit of a 400-foot slip about 1700 feet directly in front of Wilmington. The report recommends that a 200-foot channel, 1700 feet long be dredged along the proposed east pierhead line and to deposit the dredged material in the rear for a width of 300 feet and also to make the proposed fill between Front street and the water front from the same dredgings. The estimated cost of this dredging and filling is \$98,000.

Along the frontage so developed it is proposed to construct 600 feet of permanent wharf at an estimated cost of \$66,000 and in connection with this wharf to erect a transit shed 100 by 600 feet to cost \$30,000. At the head of the slip along Water street it is proposed to construct a permanent wharf 400 feet long at a cost of \$44,000 and connected with it and extending along the street to the west, a temporary wharf 400 feet long to cost \$24,825. Along Fries street from Station 426, to the present municipal wharf, it is proposed to construct a temporary wharf to cost \$20,400. This wharf is also 400 feet long. The word "temporary" in connection with these improvements is a little misleading as it is estimated that the temporary construction will last for 20 years.

The Wilmington improvement plans also contemplate the improvement of Canal from Water street along the rear of the proposed transit shed with a 20-foot strip of asphalt. The cost of this improvement is estimated at \$3200. A spur railroad track to connect the wharf with the city at the cost of \$4250 is included. The total cost of the Wilmington basin plans is \$318,678.

**WATER MAINS DELAY STREET IMPROVEMENT**

Plans for improving Alessandro street from Evergreen avenue to Crystal street are complicated by the fact that two important city water mains cross the street at Los Feliz avenue. The city engineer reported to the board of public works that a proper grade for Alessandro street involves the lowering of these mains, but the public service commission declares that the mains cannot be put out of commission in the summer without shutting off the water supply to a large territory at a season which would greatly inconvenience the residents.

The commission reported that "it is possible to make the change, provided the parties interested will meet the expense, which will be heavy."

This means that the property owners who are to pay for the street improvement also will have to bear the expense of lowering the water mains.

The question was sent back to the city engineer for a further study of the possibility of establishing the grade of Los Feliz road at the city attorney will be asked for an opinion as to who shall bear the cost of lowering the water pipe.

**WILL DIVERT OUTFALL**

ewage at San Pedro Will be Changed to Old Storm Drain

Sewage from the outfall at the foot of fifth street in San Pedro will be diverted to a point about 300 feet farther south. The board of public works has decided to extend the outfall around through an old storm drain tunnel at a cost of \$2500, to be borne from the sewer bond fund of 1906.

Residents of the harbor city have complained that the discharge of sewage so near the ferry landing was objectionable and the plan was decided on as the only way to afford relief. It was stated by the city engineer that the outfall could not be extended into the channel because of contemplated dredging operations there.

The board instructed the city engineer to obtain the necessary easement across property claimed by the Southern Pacific.

## CITY LOSES SUIT.

**Judge Declares Brewery Is Not Obligated to Pay Further Rental.**

If one branch of the city government practically ejects a renter from property owned by the city, another branch of the government cannot hold that renter on his lease, is practically the decision of Judge Conrey.

The Los Angeles Brewing company had a lease from the city for a location in the Temple block and installed a saloon, called the Reception bar. The lease was made with the council and the board of public works. The police commission adopted the policy that no brewery could conduct a retail saloon and revoked the license of the Reception bar. The brewery closed up the saloon and refused to pay any more rent. It was claimed the brewery had to pay rent in spite of the action of the police commission and brought suit, but Judge Conrey held that the action of the police commission was constructive ejectment and gave a decision for the brewery.

**OIL INSPECTOR DELAYS PAYMENT FOR ASPHALT**

Whether to violate an ordinance or disobey the instructions of the council, is the question which the board of public works found itself obliged to consider. Not caring to take the responsibility, the board asked for legal advice from the city attorney.

The board found itself in a dilemma following the receipt of instructions from the council to the effect that the demands of the Barber Asphalt company for material furnished and on the Mission road improvement be approved. An ordinance forbids the payment of any bills for material of this character without the approval of the oil inspector. The latter declines to sign the bills of the asphalt company under existing conditions.

The difficulty arose over a misunderstanding as to the sort of material to be furnished. The material was an asphalt mixture different from that which the company has been supplying under contract and which it was said was ordered through an error in the street department. As there were no specifications to be followed, the city's asphalt tester analyzed a sample of the material furnished and on this basis, the oil inspector declared it was worth a certain amount, which was \$269.47 less than the sum claimed by the company.

The asphalt company carried the case to the council and that body ordered the board of public works to allow the claim of the company in full. The oil inspector, however, insists that he cannot consistently approve the bills for the full amount as the material was not worth that much, so the board has ordered the demands held up while the city attorney investigates.

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## THE MAYOR TURNED DOWN

**The Council Refuses to Confirm the Mayor's Appointees On the Harbor Commission.**

Opposition of the council to men suggested by the mayor as members of the harbor commission, was the reason why there were no appointments yesterday.

"I could have had a harbor commission this morning, but when I suggested their names to the council at an informal conference the council would not listen to them," said Mayor Alexander yesterday. "I told the council that they had better get busy and get some men for me, and some of the council are doing so now."

Resignations of practically every one connected with the harbor commission, a conference of the mayor and the members of the board of public works on harbor matters and the conference of the mayor and the council when the harbor situation was discussed were the developments of the week in the harbor controversy.

At a conference of the mayor and the members of the board of public works Gen. A. R. Chaffee said it would probably be difficult to get a satisfactory harbor commission as long as men were expected to devote so much of their time to the work with no compensation. He advocated paying salaries to the members of the commission as the board of public works is paid. Mayor Alexander said it would be a lovely idea but that the charter requires members of the harbor commission to serve without compensation and he did not see how he was to get around it.

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Soft and Stiff Hats—	
Clean and block, same trimmings.....	\$ .75
Clean and block, new band.....	1.00
Clean and block, new band and binding.....	1.25
Clean and block, new band, binding and leather.....	1.50
Panama Hats—	
Clean, bleach and block, same trimmings.....	1.00
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Clean, bleach and block, new band, leather and binding.....	1.75
Yacht and Soft Straws—	
Clean, bleach and block, same trimmings.....	.50
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**O. E. BURCH**

## LARGEST CUP PURE WATER

However Much May Be  
Poured Into It, It Will Not  
Spill—The Big Feature of  
the Aqueduct.

The largest cup of pure water in the world is to be a part of the power system construction on the aqueduct at San Francisco canyon. Rather than a steel which the snow waters from the Sierras are to fill almost brimful, for it will be hollowed in the top of a granite mountain.

Imagine a stone cup 100 feet in diameter at the top, 30 at the bottom and rising 140 feet in height and the big aqueduct cup will be visualized. An excavation in the mountain to make what is known in hydro-electrics as a "surge-chamber" results in this creation.

Before the water may pass from the aqueduct into the power penstocks a chamber into which the water may rise and fall, is necessary for the regulation of the flow. If the contents of the foot conduit were left to pour into the penstocks it would be difficult and dangerous to shut it off. Hence the surge-chamber. Like an inverted megaphone it will rise from the tunnel to the top of the mountain. When the water is flowing freely the cup will be almost empty, but when it is shut off from the penstocks it will rise, or surge upwards, in the mammoth cup.

It is not intended to spill, for it is so calculated that when it has almost filled to the brim it will cease rising, for the brim is higher than the level of the Fairmount reservoir, north of Elizabeth Lake tunnel, and water will not rise higher than its level. Its principal duty is to arrest the shock of a shut-off.

### Great Power Station

This is not the only big feature imminent in the picturesque San Francisco canyon. Excavation for the million-dollar power house No. 1 which will eventually produce (with its mate No. 2) 57,000 horsepower, for the city has been begun and soon the foundations for the massive machinery will begin to assemble at this spot. It is at the foot of the hill where the titanic cup is being made. In this power station the beginning of one of the largest hydro-electric stations in the West will be made. It will house three hydro-electric water wheels (to begin with), each 12 feet in diameter, weighing scores of tons and each producing 14,000 horsepower maximum; three generators and two exciter units. Some of the massive parts of this machinery weigh from 12 to 15 tons each and special trucks have been made to transport them over the mountain roads. In addition there will be 10 step-up transformers. The equipment, which is scheduled to reach the site in September, is double water wheels and Westinghouse machines and is to cost \$250,000.

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### Plans For Distribution

Steel piping for two of the three 7-foot penstocks, which branch into 5-foot sections, weighing over 6,000,000 pounds and costing about \$225,000. Though only two are to be put in for the initial three units the plant will not be complete until another is added and the six units established. The big pipes are of 7 1/2-inch steel.

Steel for siphon to power house No. 2 weighing about 500,000 pounds.

Copper cable, 232 miles in length, for the six lines carrying a voltage of 110,000 from the power stations, 47 miles.

Insulators of the suspension type, numbering 2538 for the 423 steel towers, from 55 to 60 feet in height that will bear the copper cables to the Los Angeles receiving station.

Auxiliaries, including central valves, switchboards for power houses and substations and many other incidentals to the value of about \$75,000.

With all this equipment contracted for Chief Engineer Scattergood will begin the work of construction on the transmission system and expects to have it completed to the city by the time the aqueduct water is flowing.

## AWARD CONTRACT FOR FILL AT WILMINGTON

The contract for filling about 20 more blocks at Wilmington has been awarded by the board of public works to the Standard American Dredging company, which is deepening the west basin. The bid for doing the filling was \$89,852.13.

The area to be filled includes an irregular territory between First and Fifth streets and the grade will be raised 11 feet in the lowest places.

The cost of the work will be paid for by the property owners under Vrooman act proceedings, which were hastened through at this time because of the dredging work, which enabled the dredging company to submit a lower bid than otherwise would have been possible, as the firm desires a place to dispose of the dredged material.

## AQUEDUCT ENGINEERS RETIRE FROM SERVICE

With the approach of the end of the work on the aqueduct many of the engineers and employees are retiring, some to take other positions and others because work has actually ended. As most of them are civil service employees they are asking the aqueduct department to grant them leaves of absence, of from six months to a year, in order to be restored to the service should an opportunity come later.

The aqueduct board has decided that its policy will be not to make such recommendation in cases where employees quit before their department work is ended. It is held that this would bring up many questions of priority of qualification and might lead to removal of some competent men who are prepared to stay with the aqueduct to the finish. In addition it is held that the employees may seek reinstatement under the civil service at any time.

Some who are retiring are also asking that their employment terminate with vacations. This is somewhat the practice of federal employment but the aqueduct board finds no authority for it even in cases where men have sacrificed their vacations in the past.

A number of transfer and promotion were made at the last meeting. J. E. Barker, assistant to Chief Engineer Scattergood of the power bureau, was one of the men who wanted a year's leave of absence to enter the service of the Board of Public Utilities. In the past Scattergood has been an advisor of the Utilities department but he suggested that Barker be employed for the year. The board voted Barker a year's leave because he is merely transferring his service to another municipal branch even though the Civil Service Board sent word that such leaves will be approved only for extraordinary reasons.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Changes in National Forests in Montana, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and California.

President Taft has just made considerable changes in national forests in Montana, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and California through Presidential proclamations modifying the boundary lines. By these changes nearly 275,000 acres of land are eliminated from the forest, about 65,000 acres are added, and about 55,000 acres are transferred between two forests, while a new forest is created by the division of an old unit into two.

The net result is to bring down the total gross area of the national forests to about 187,400,000 acres, of which nearly 27,000,000 acres are in Alaska. To a considerable extent, however, the reductions, so far as land actually owned by the government is concerned, are apparent rather than real, owing to heavy alienations in the tracts eliminated. Some 22,000,000 acres of national forest gross area are not owned by the government.

The high water mark of the total national forest gross area was reached in 1909, when the forest boundaries included over 194,000,000 acres. It was then realized, however, that in making the examinations on which the presidential proclamations creating the forest were based the work had been too rapid to insure in all cases the best boundaries. Sometimes land which should have been included was left out, while at other times land was taken in which was not best suited to forest purposes. Consequently a complete overhauling and rectification of the forest boundaries was planned, and has been going on ever since.

By successive proclamations President Taft has eliminated nearly 11,000,000 acres, while he has added about 4,000,000 acres.

In Montana the new proclamations eliminate a total of 116,370 acres from six forests—the Custer, Absaroka, Blackfoot, Kootenai, Lewis and Clark and Flathead—while 14,640 acres are transferred from the Blackfoot to the Kootenai and 40,640 from the Kootenai to the Blackfoot, to facilitate administration. In Arizona 106,540 acres are eliminated from the Coronado National Forest. In Nevada 49,840 acres are eliminated from the Humboldt and 55,840 acres added, of which 12,800 acres are included in the new Ruby National Forest, composed principally of that part of the old Humboldt lying south of the Southern Pacific railroad. In Utah 1,340 acres are eliminated from the Sevier, while in California 8,680 acres are added to the Shasta and 480 acres to the Klamath.

The greater part of the land added to the Shasta was eliminated from the forest in December, 1910, but was found later to contain a good stand of second-growth yellow pine, which made it desirable to restore the land to the forest. The addition to the Klamath comprises the N. 1/2 and the S.E. 1/4 of Section 26, T. 48 N., R. 8 W., Mt. Diablo Meridian, and is reported to contain 12,000,000 feet of merchantable saw timber which the forest service expects to sell shortly, under provisions which will insure protection to young growth and reproduction of the forest after the cutting.

## STRAY DOGS AND CATS

Must Be Gathered in Uninjured, Says The New Poundkeeper, Mrs. E. M. Waddell.

"Catching nets" have been relegated to the limbo of the barbarous under the regime of the first woman-keeper of the city pound, Mrs. E. M. Waddell, who is also the new secretary of the humane animal commission.

Stray dogs and cats should be gathered in uninjured, according to the thinking of the new pound-keeper and she has a system of her own by which this is being accomplished.

Moreover, her system goes a long way toward eliminating the old nuisance of confusing vagrant dogs with redeemable dogs, that is, those that manifestly have masters and mistresses who prize them.

The new pound-keeper has been on the job three months and has worked great changes in all directions.

To Improve "Killing Tank"

The disposing tank, or "killing tank," as it is plainly called on the grounds, has been improved. Every possible means of providing comfort for the unfortunate creatures, is put into effect by the new keeper, who has been in office only since the ordinance creating the department was signed by Mayor Alexander, March 20, 1912, and who has shown all the consideration and kind treatment that might be expected by one of the gentler sex. The new tank creates no terrors in the animal immediately before its death, but it is not aware that anything out of the ordinary is about to take place. A wire cage confines the dogs, so that they can look about them without fear immediately before they are shot, and shoved quickly into the tank.

Cleanliness in the yards and kennels is the first condition noticeable to a visitor at the pound as it is now. Fondness of the animals for their keeper is the next sign of the progress and efficiency of Mrs. Waddell in her work.

Occasionally a wagon-load of chickens drawn by a stray horse, come under the charge of Mrs. Waddell, who cares for them as she would if they were her own. Meanwhile, the horseless driver is being located.

Rats Kept Out

Economy is also one of Mrs. Waddell's characteristics in the discharge of her duties. The grain bin at the pound stables is no longer depleted by the ravages of rats. Every bin has been lined with metal, the barns floored, the cracks stopped up and the rats kept out.

Since the management of the pound was taken over by the city, profit from the sale of the individual keeper of the pound, has been abolished. Surplus profit goes into the departmental receipts fund, and not into the pocket of the keeper. This works a particular benefit to the owners of stray horses that have been impounded, inasmuch as the amounts received by the city from the sale of unredeemable horses will now be held for 60 days awaiting collection by the owners of the animals, if such can be found. Formerly the dogs suffered lack of attention for the sake of the horses that brought more on a sale.

Mrs. Waddell insists upon small compartments or single vehicles for the collection of dogs, who otherwise have been subjected to the discomfort of being huddled together in large numbers—sick dogs, well dogs and peaceful dogs, and fighting dogs—all in a heap. The automobile collector, another recent addition to the service, brings in animals very quickly from the outlying districts of the city, and is fitted with separate compartments for different classes of dogs.

The Humane society formerly did everything in its power to obtain good and efficient keepers, who, however more often than not were disappointing.

Formerly With S. P. C. A.

Mrs. Waddell is an enthusiast in her work, her experience in this line having extended over a number of years. Four years were spent actively serving the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. She was sent for from the north at the time of the creating of the humane animal commission in this city.

A great love for animals in her early life, and pity for their helplessness prompted her devotion to them.

Mrs. Waddell's work under the commission in this city has received high commendation from Mrs. Geo. T. Angel, wife of the late George T. Angel of Boston, who founded the S. P. C. A. Mrs. Angel accompanied by Miss Helen Mathewson, president of the Humane society of this city, visited and inspected the city pound a short time ago.

No less than 12,000 dogs will come under the supervision of Mrs. Waddell in one year, judging from past figures.

Taking No Sides.

"What is neutrality, Pa?"

Pa—"The attitude taken by the North Pole in the Peary-Cook controversy."

Missionary—"Well, why are you looking at me so hard?"

Cannibal—"I'm the food inspector, sir."

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Paragraphs of Interest Gathered From Various Sources.

Steps for the organization of settlers of Palo Verde Valley in Riverside County were taken last Monday night at a meeting in the office of W. T. Gunn, 505 Laughlin building, in this city. The meeting was attended by more than fifty representing 25,000 acres in the valley. After forming a temporary organization, July 20 was the date set for a meeting at which it is expected 75,000 acres will be represented. The organization will be for the development of the water resources of the valley.

Dock receipts at Long Beach for June, \$268.80; May, \$234.29; April, \$159.38; March, \$78.71. Receipts increased each month. With the construction of additional city dockage, the municipality should receive a larger income from this source.

Building permits in San Bernardino for 1912 are rapidly leaving the 1911 record far behind. For the first half of the year which ended Tuesday a total of \$365,852 in permits has been issued, as against \$155,985 for the same period last year. The total for the month of June is \$40,247, and there is much work in sight during the month of July.

Orange shipments from Redlands this year promise to break all records. Shipments now have reached 4619 cars and it seems probable the total will be 5000 cars. The fruit going out is in good condition and prices are running high. Indications point to excellent returns for all late fruit. Interest is turning to the new crop, which appears to be setting well, though not so heavy as the last year.

Important developments are now shaping for Stanton, says the Optimist in its last issue. Within a few days there will be commenced construction of at least three business buildings on Stanton avenue, between Main and Pacific streets. A contract has been let by E. M. McClure to C. L. Clary, of Santa Ana for construction of a two-story building on lot 20, block 2. When completed, the lower floor of the building will be used as an office and workshop for the Stanton Optimist and the upper story will be arranged either for a public hall or for lodging purposes. This building will have a cement ground floor and will be of substantial construction and modern throughout.

The Sunset Telephone company has withdrawn from the Pomona field, relinquishing its advantage to the Pomona Home Telephone company. This action was taken because the United States supreme court held that the Sunset company would have to secure a franchise from the city in order to conduct its business there.

Engineers of Redondo and of the Pacific Electric Railway company have been surveying along the water front from Emerald to Diamond street and making soundings in the vicinity of Wharf No. 1, for the proposed municipal horseshoe pleasure pier, which may be built this fall.

After ten weeks of parry and counter-parry on the part of friends and foes of the proposed aerial trolley railway the Santa Monica council ordered a franchise covering Fremont street to be advertised for sale. This was applied for by W. J. Fawkes of Burbank. The franchise requires that work shall be started within four months and that the three-mile road shall be in operation for the entire distance within eighteen months. The successful bidder will be required to give the city a bond in sum of \$10,000 as an earnest that he will proceed with the building of the line.

Members of the Pasadena Municipal League, organized last week to keep in touch with public affairs and to use publicity to gain efficiency in public office, held a meeting Tuesday and decided to soon call a mass meeting.

Increased suburban traffic has caused the Santa Fe to establish two daily trains between San Diego and Del Mar, a distance of twenty-three miles. The new service went into effect last Monday. This gives Del Mar seven trains daily, eight on Sunday.

The Tropico Water Company alleges in a complaint filed Wednesday that the rates fixed by the Board of Trustees of Tropico, do not constitute a sufficient investment on the plant and that they point to confiscation. The court is asked to restrain the board from enforcing them. The company's suit is against the city of Tropico, the members of the Board of Trustees and City Marshal Jonas W. Gould. The company furnished water to 500 consumers. On a valuation of \$59,796.70, the company alleges it is entitled at 6 per cent. to \$35,587.80 interest.

A new order of things will be introduced into the state hospitals for the insane by the State Board of Control and the Lunacy Commission, in providing for the reclamation of insane patients by re-education and special training in domestic science. The start will be made at Stockton State Hospital. Women patients will receive the first attention under an expert woman teacher.

Judge Oster of San Bernardino has handed down an important decision in a case involving the validity of the Alessandro irrigation district amounting to \$765,000. The judge holds that no stipulation of admission by defendants can revive the district or give the court jurisdiction over a non-existent though nominal defendant. This decision is regarded in Riverside county as a great victory for the people and as probably settling the issue for all time.

## ADVANCE PLANS FOR ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN

Plans for a zoological garden at Griffith Park and for an aquarium at San Pedro, probably under the cliffs at Point Firmin, were advanced by the park commission at its last meeting by concurrence in the plans of Prof. C. L. Edwards.

Edwards has been named city naturalist by the commission and his work is to be aided by the newly-formed Los Angeles Zoological society. The available money to start with is the \$5000 provided in the 1911 budget for the removal of the Eastlake park zoo to Griffith park and this fund will be supplemented by sums raised by the new society.

The financing process is similar to the one which gave New York its great zoo and aquarium, although the city added \$2,000,000 to the \$475,000 raised by popular subscription. Eventually the zoo to be established here in natural conditions in Griffith park may cost several hundred thousands of dollars.

Edwards is now preparing detailed plans for both zoo and aquarium. He suggests open reservation, carefully fenced for the zoo and a mission style structure for the aquarium. The proposed site of the latter under the Point Firmin cliffs is regarded as ideal and it is believed the large kelp beds may develop a submarine garden.

The Los Angeles Zoological society formed temporary organization yesterday by electing John B. Miller, president, J. B. Lippincott, vice-president, Prof. Edwards, secretary, and Henry Keller, treasurer. It expects to begin a campaign for funds soon.

### To Take Restaurants

The park commission is seriously discussing taking over all the restaurants in the parks and re-establishing them under one manager with a view to making all first class. Two in Griffith park, one in Elysian and another in Echo are in the immediate plan, the others to be taken over when the concessions terminate. The only question bothering the commission is how to run restaurants under the city's financial system. It is not deemed desirable to turn the receipts into the city treasury, as is required now; nor is it deemed practical to purchase restaurant foods by the bidding and requisition system.

"I know a good ranch to buy eggs from," said President Miller, "but I fear by the time we bought them through the red tape system they would hardly be fresh for serving in any restaurant."

Orchids from Manila, the gift of the Manila park board, are on the way, according to advices from the Philippine capital. The gifts will be sent from time to time and will duplicate the exhibit which the Manila park board is making at the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco.

## MAYOR OPPOSES CUT

Sends Message Against Reduction of Fire Alarm Appropriation

Mayor Alexander, in a special message yesterday, urged upon the council to give "serious consideration" to the proposed appropriation for the fiscal year of the bureau of fire alarm and police telegraph. He is opposed to a reduction of the appropriation.

The message was referred to the budget committee. It was stated that the amount of the appropriation for the bureau had not been definitely fixed but that it had come in for general pruning along with the other departments.

## DESERT LAND

Big Imperial Valley Tract Becomes Part of Public Domain

Information has been received at the local Land Office that the First Assistant Secretary of the Interior has vacated the departmental order of April 2, 1909, in so far as it affects the withdrawal of Imperial Valley land for use in connection with the Yuma irrigation project.

The land affected by the order lies in Imperial county, and was withdrawn with the view of its possible use in the Yuma irrigation project, but that having fallen by the way, the land is now restored to the public domain. The area originally set aside amounted to about 52,000 acres, but this is not all available, for thousands of acres were entered previous to the withdrawal by the Interior Department, and of course, all of these entries stand.

The department orders that such parts of this tract as have not been restored and are not otherwise withdrawn, reserved or appropriated, will be subject to settlement under the public land laws of the United States on and after August 23, 1912, but shall not be subject to entry, filing, or selection until September 23, 1912, at the Los Angeles Land Office at 9 a. m. The State may select as indemnity in the satisfaction of its common school grant, not to exceed two sections of land in each entire township re-entered or one section in each fractional township's restored where the restored area exceeds 5000 acres. No person will be permitted to exercise any right whatever under any settlement or occupation begun entry prior to August 23, 1912, all such settlement and occupation being forbidden.

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PROGRESSIVE PARTY CONVENTION TO MEET IN CHICAGO  
AUGUST 5, 1912

To All Who Believe the Time Has Come for Movement to Obtain the Legislation Needed by Modern Evolution, to Promote Prosperity and Restore Popular Rule and Whole-some Government:

A call is issued by the provisional committee brought into being at Chicago, June 22, last, consisting of members representing forty of the forty-eight states of the Union, to send from each state a number of delegates whose votes in the convention shall count for as many votes as the state shall have senators and representatives in congress, to meet in mass convention in Chicago on the 5th day of August, 1912, for the purpose of nominating candidates to be supported for the positions of President and vice-president of the United States.

There can never be a satisfactory adjustment of water supply and water distribution matters in Tropico until their management and control are taken out of the hands of Ralph Rogers and restored to the people of the city, and everybody knows it.

The nomination of Woodrow Wilson at Baltimore fails dismally of having the proportions of a victory for the progressives. That Mr. Bryan miscalculated the outcome of turning to him from Clark is obvious. He no more wanted Wilson than Clark. He wanted neither. He wanted a split of the progressives from the old liners. He didn't get it and left the convention silent and "knocked into a cocked hat."

With the nomination for the presidency of Debs at Indianapolis, Taft at Chicago, Wilson at Baltimore and Roosevelt yet to come, the country can have no cause to complain of want of variety to choose from. The chance for combinations is also fine. The old liners might very conveniently combine on Taft and the progressives on Roosevelt.

## AUTOLYCUS ROOT

The chairman of the Chicago Convention, William senior senator in Congress from New York, has been re-christened and given the apt name of the picturesque rogue in Shakespeare's "Winter's Tale." The re-christening occurs in the "Outlook's" report of Theodore Roosevelt's Orchestra Hall speech at Chicago, June 22, from which we quote as follows:

The end of the convention admirably fitted in with the beginning. It was able to organize at all only by the aid of stolen delegates, the national committee and the committee on credentials standing as joint sponsors for the theft. At the very end, emulous of their renown, the chairman, this modern Autolycus, the "snapper-up of unconscionable trifles," suddenly saw the chance to steal two Massachusetts votes, and with eager haste he ransacked himself on a level of political honesty not uncomfortably higher than the depth to which the Convention by its action in the seating of stolen delegates had been sunk.

The likeness of "this modern Autolycus" to that of Shakespeare's creation is best pictured in the creature's own words:

My father named me, Autolycus, who, being, as I am, littered under Mercury, was likewise a snapper up of unconscionable trifles. With die, and drab, I purchased this caparison; and my revenue is silly pocket-picking. Gallows and Knock, are too powerful on the highway; beating and hanging, are terrors to me; for the life to come, I sleep away the thought of it.

For Elithu, substitute Atolycus, Greek for Robber, or cheat, and you will have Root revealed in all the glory of a common crook—with a name that will stick to him in that light as long as he lives. Strong, Toly-cuss.

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND A WOULD-BE BOSS

The suit against the city to restrain its officers from enforcing its ordinance regulating water service to its inhabitants makes it clear that a long and hard struggle is on, both in and out of the courts, that involves a long and expensive contest before the city and its citizens can have relief from very oppressive water supply conditions. Added to the seriousness of the situation is the want of preparations on the part of the board of trustees to face it forcibly and effectively. But when a citizen of the city asks of the board the appointment of a commission to be charged with the duty of investigating matters and obtaining data and information for its help and guidance in the performance of its duties in the premises which it had neglected therefore to obtain, it was, perhaps, the due of that citizen to have his request refused and to be told in an angry and insulting tone by the attorney of the board that he had "no right to charge the board with neglect of duty in the matter and that, when he did so, he did not know what he was talking about." Though whether it was, or was not, the due of this citizen to have his request and statements receive the rebuke they did from this self-constituted dominator of our city government, the fact remains that the city board of trustees are not equipped for the contest that confronts them, with the results of an investigation by a competent board of inquiry, remains the fact. It thus becomes, by the default of the trustees, the duty to themselves of the citizens of the city to ask for the protection of their rights and interests independently of the board of trustees and take the matter into their own hands.

It is true the board of trustees passed the ordinance reducing water rates, and that they believe, as we all believe, the reduction is justified by the facts; but are they fortified with data for proving them? If they are, well and good. But the citizen referred to and many other citizens with him, fear they are not. It may be true the Tropico Water Company is not in a condition to have it run by the Glendale Consolidated Water Company, on a less rate than heretofore. Ralph Rogers asserts it not, and the suspicion is he will prove his assertion. The question before the court will be, not what the business ought to be run for, but what the Tropico Water Company can have it run for, by Ralph Rogers and the Glendale Consolidated Water Company in whose hands it is.

But to obtain data and information for use in defense of the suit for the overthrow of the water rates ordinance is not the only reason for asking the appointment of a commission to investigate water meters. The citizens of this city want authoritative information as to the extent and dependability of, and title to, its water supply; also as to the probable necessity of supplementing its supply by purchase of aqueduct water; also as to the cost and means of putting in a pressure system of water distribution for fire protection and efficiency of service.

Will the trustees proceed to get this information, either through a commission of their appointment or otherwise, or will they turn the matter over to an initiative by the citizens of the city? We believe in the men who constitute our board of trustees and have implicit confidence in their ability to run the business affairs of the city successfully. The only trouble with them is that they are too much under the domination of the city's attorney who seems to think it his province to let them move only as, and no faster, than he permits.

In matters of law and legal procedure it is well enough to have a competent director; but in matters of common business sense a dictator to a board of trustees is out of place. If not, it would be better to dispense with the board and hire the dictator. Which shall it be?

## MRS. KATHERINE ERSKINE GONE

With the passing of Mrs. Catherine Erskine there has gone to the sweet reward of the good and kind and true a lady of as lovable a Christian character as ever graced the home of man. She died at her home on Moore avenue at 8 o'clock in the morning of Monday, July 1, aged 65. Mrs. Erskine was the widow of the late C. B. Erskine. She was a native of Kentucky, lived in Kansas a number of years; removed to California with her husband in 1881 and located in Tropico in 1883.

Mrs. Erskine was identified with the first trustees of Tropico. The two-story house on Glendale avenue, north of the Tropico grammar school was built by her husband in 1883 and was not only her residence but the first dwelling of any pretensions in all the valley. Here and there was a shack and what is now Glendale avenue was little more than a sheep trail up to the Canada La Crescenta.

Fannie H. Quesnell, now the wife of Will D. Byram and in charge of the probation department of the Juvenile Court of Los Angeles, as assistant in its second year and principal in the third year.

Mrs. Erskine's funeral services were conducted by Reverend C. B. Hatch, Internment at Grandview.

Mrs. Erskine was the mother of four children, Nellie, Frank, Romie and Fannie, all of which survive her except Frank, who died several years ago.

Mr. John A. B. Erskine, a younger brother of Mrs. Erskine's husband, has always been a member of her family, and in her loss is sorely bereft.

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

Voters not registered since the first of last January who do not register before August 3, 1912, will not be allowed to vote at the September primary, and not then unless their party affiliations are stated in their registration certificates.

Registration for the national or general election in November will close October 7.

J. E. Shuey, 517 Columbus avenue, Tropico, is registering officer for this vicinity.

D. L. Davis, president and manager of Salem, O., Electric Railroad &amp; Light Co., a cousin of F. H. Davis, paid Tropico a visit last week. Mr. Davis is on a vacation of several weeks and has taken in points of interest in Canada and the Pacific Coast. Like all wide-awake business men he sees a great future for this section and strongly advises Tropico to issue bonds and furnish light to its citizens; also the streets. While here Mr. Davis called on City Clerk Street, whose father he well knew as one of the leading citizens of Salem, Ohio, years ago.

THE WAY OF A MAN  
By EMERSON HOUGH  
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"I tell you that there is no longer any chance, no longer the ghost of a chance. It is my duty to inform you, sir, that a proper suit long ago applied for my daughter's hand, that he has renewed his suit and that now she has accepted him."

For a time I sat staring stupidly at him. "You need speak nothing but the truth with me," I said at last. "Colonel Meriwether, I have never given bonds to be gentle when abused."

"I am telling you the truth," he said. "My daughter, Miss Meriwether, is engaged to Lieutenant Lawrence Belknap of the Ninth dragons! You feel your honor too deeply touched? Perhaps at a later time Lieutenant Belknap will do himself the disgrace of accommodating you."

"If I killed him," said I finally, "how would it better her case? Moreover, before I could take any more risk I must go back to Virginia. My mother needs me there most sadly."

"Yes, and Miss Grace Sheraton needs you there sadly as well," he retorted. "Go back, then, and mend your promises and do some of those duties which you now begin to remember. You have proved yourself a man of no honor. I stigmatize you now as a coward."

"You speak freely to your prisoner, Colonel Meriwether," I said slowly at length. "There is time yet for many risks—chances for many things. But now I think you owe it to me to tell me how this matter was arranged."

"Very well, then," Belknap asked me for permission to try his chance long ago—before I came west to Laramie. I assigned him to bring her through to me. He was distracted at his failure to do so. He has been out with parties all the summer searching for you both and has not been back at Laramie more than ten days. Oh, we all knew why you did not come back to the settlements. When we came in he guessed all that you knew. He knew that the world would talk. And, like a man, he asked the right to silence all that talk forever."

"And she agreed? Ellen Meriwether accepted him on such terms?" "It is arranged," said he, not answering me directly, "and it removes at once all necessity for any other arrangement. As for you, you disappear. It will be announced all through the army that she and Lieutenant Belknap were married at Leavenworth before they started west and that it was they two and not you and my daughter who were lost."

"And Belknap was content to do this?" I inquired. "He would do this after Ellen told him that she loved me."

"Stop!" thundered Colonel Meriwether. "I have told you all that is necessary. I will add that he said to me, like the gentleman he is, that in case my daughter asked if he would marry her and leave her at once, until she of her own free will asked him to return. There is abundant opportunity for swift changes in the army. What seems to you absurd will work out in perfectly practical fashion."

"Yes," said I, "in fashion perfectly practical for the ruin of her life. You may leave mine out of the question." "I do, sir," was his icy reply. "She told you to your face, and in my hearing, that you had deceived her, that you must go."

"Yes," I said, dully. "I did deceive her, and there is no punishment on earth great enough to give me for that—except to have no word from her!"

"You are to go at once—I put it beyond you to understand Belknap's conduct in this matter." "He is a gentleman," I said, "and fit to love her. I think none of us needs praise or blame for that."

He choked up. "She's my girl," he said. "Yes, all my boys in the army love her—there isn't one of them that wouldn't be proud to marry her on any terms she would lay down. And there isn't a man in the army, married or single, that wouldn't challenge you if you breathed a word of what has gone between you and her."

It seemed to me so unspokenly sad, so incredibly, that one should be so unbelievably underestimated.

"Now, finally," resumed Colonel Meriwether, after a time, ceasing his walking up and down, "I must close up what remains between you and me. My daughter said to me that you wanted to see me on some business matter. Of course you had some reason for coming out here."

"That was my only reason for coming," I rejoined. "I wanted to see you upon an important business matter. I was sent here by the last message my father gave any one—the last words he spoke in his life. He told me I should come to you."

"Well, well, if you have any favor to ask of me out with it, and let us end it all at once sitting."

"Sir," I said, "I would see you damned forever before I would ask a crust or a cup of water of you, though I was starving and burning. I have heard enough."

"Orderly!" he called out. "Show this man to the gate."

It was at last borne in upon me that I must leave without any word from Ellen. She was hedged about by all the stern and cold machinery of an army post, out of whose calculations I was left as much as though I belonged to a different world. I cannot express what this meant for me. For weeks now, for months, indeed, we two had been together each hour of the day. I had come to expect her greeting in the morning, to turn to her a thousand times in the day with some query or answer. I had made no plan from which she was absent. I had come to accept myself with her as fit part of an appointed and happy scheme. Now, in a twinkling, all that had been subverted.

It was thus that I, dulled, bereft; I, having lived, now dead; I, late free, now bound again, turned away suddenly and began my journey back to the life I had known before I met her. As I passed east by the Denver stage I met hurrying throngs always coming westward, a wavelike migration of population now even denser than it had been the preceding spring. They came on, a vast, continuous stream of hope, confidence and youth. I, who stemmed that current, alone was unlike it in all ways.

One thing only quickened my lagging heart, and that was the all prevalent talk of wars.

At last, after weeks of travel across a disturbed country, I finally reached the angry hive of political dissension at Washington. Here I was near home, but did not tarry, and passed thence by stage to Leesburg, in Virginia, and so finally came back into our little valley and the quiet town of Wallingford. I had gone away the victim of misfortune; I returned home with a broken word and an unfinished promise and a shaken heart. That was my return.

I got me a horse at Wallingford barns and rode out to Cowles' Farms.

At the gate I halted and looked over the wide lawns. It seemed to me over the wide lawns. It seemed to me I noted a change in them as in myself. The grass was unkempt, the flower beds showed little attention. I opened the gate for myself, rode up to the old stoop and dismounted for the first time in my life there without a boy to take my horse. I walked slowly up the steps to the great front door of the old house. No servant came to meet me grinning. I, grandson of the man who built that house, my father's home and mine, lifted the brazen knocker of the door and heard no footstep anticipate my knock. The place sounded empty.

Finally there came a shuffling footfall and the door was opened, but there stood before me no one that I recognized. It was a smallish, oldish, grayish man who opened the door and smiled in query at me.

"I am John Cowles, sir," I said, hesitating. "Yourself I do not seem to know."

"My name is Halliday, Mr. Cowles," he replied. A flush of humiliation came to my face.

"I should know you. You were my father's creditor."

"Yes, sir, my firm was the holder of certain obligations at the time of your father's death. You have been gone very long without word to us. Moreover, pending any action?"

"You have moved here?" "I have ventured to take possession," Mr. Cowles. That was as my mother wished. She waived all her rights and surrendered everything, said all the debts must be paid."

"Of course?"

"And all we could prevail upon her to do was to take up her quarters there in one of the little houses."

He pointed with this euphemism toward our old servants' quarters. So there was my mother, a woman gently reared, tenderly cared for all her life, living in a cabin where once slaves had lived. And I had come back to her.

"I hope," said he, hesitating, "that all these matters may presently be adjusted. But first I ask you to influence your mother to come back into the place and take up her residence."

I smiled slowly. "You hardly understand her," I said. "I doubt if my influence will suffice for that. But I shall meet you again." I was turning away.

"Your mother, I believe, is not here—she went over to Wallingford. I think it is the day when she goes to the little church."

"Yes, I know. If you will excuse me I shall ride over to see if I can find her." He bowed. I was hurrying down the road again. It seemed to me that I could never tolerate the sight of a stranger as master at Cowles' Farms.

I found her at the churchyard of the old meeting house. She was just turning toward the gate in the low sandstone wall which surrounded the burying ground and separated it from the

space immediately about the little stone church. I knew what it was that she looked at, now as she turned back toward that spot—it was one more low mound, simple, unpretentious, added to the many which had been placed there this last century and a half; one more little gray sandstone headmark, cut simply with the name and dates of him who rested there, last in a long roll of our others. The slight figure in the dove-colored gown looked back lingeringly. It gave a new ache to my heart to see her there.

She did not notice me as I slipped down from my saddle and fastened my horse at the long rack. But when I called she turned and came to me with open arms.

(Continued next week)

## NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT

Pursuant to Statute and to the Resolution of the Board of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California, the 5th day of July, 1912, directing the City Engineer to award the said Board of Trustees in open session on the 25th day of June, 1912, opened, examined and publicly declared all sealed proposals or bids offered for the following work, to-wit:

First—That all that portion of Adams Avenue from the East line of Grand Boulevard to the West line of Glendale Avenue and from the East line of Glendale Avenue to the Southern prolongation across Adams Avenue of the East line of Adams Street, including all intersections of streets, be graded, oiled and repaved in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2.

Second—That a cement curb be constructed along each line of the roadway of Adams Avenue from the East line of Grand Boulevard to the West line of Glendale Avenue and from the Eastern line of Glendale Avenue to the Southern prolongation across Adams Avenue of the East line of Adams Street, said specifications being numbered 2.

Third—That a cement sidewalk four (4) feet in width be constructed along each side of said Adams Avenue from the East line of Grand Boulevard to the Western line of Glendale Avenue (excepting along such portions of said Adams Avenue along which a cement sidewalk four (4) feet or more in width has already been constructed) and a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along each side of said Adams Avenue from the Eastern line of Glendale Avenue to the Southern prolongation across said Adams Avenue of the East line of Adams Street, said sidewalks to be constructed in accordance with specifications for the construction of cement sidewalks on file in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1, except that on said Adams Avenue between the Southern prolongation of Adams Street and the Southern prolongation of Adams Avenue of the Eastern line of Adams Street, the inner or property edges of said sidewalks shall be placed twenty (20) feet either side of the center line of said Adams Avenue instead of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1.

SECTION 2. First—That Adams Street from the North City boundary line of the City of Tropico to the North line of Adams Avenue be graded, oiled and repaved in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2.

Second—That a cement curb be constructed along each line of the roadway of Adams Street from the North City boundary line of the City of Tropico to the North line of Adams Avenue, said curb to be constructed in accordance with the plans and profiles for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2.

SECTION 3. That the said Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, under estimates directed to be furnished, and furnished, by the City Engineer of said City of Tropico, that the total cost of said proposed work or improvement will be greater than fifty (50) cents per front foot along each line of said street so proposed to be improved, and as hereinbefore set forth, including the cost of interest on work assessable upon said frontage, the said Board of Trustees do hereby order that serial bonds shall be issued to represent the cost of said work or improvement; said serial bonds shall be extended over a period ending nine (9) years from and after the 2nd day of January, next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum thereof shall be payable by coupon on the 2nd day of January of every year thereafter until the whole is paid, and the interest shall be payable semi-annually by coupon on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July respectively of each year, at the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipalities and also for the payment of such bonds," approved February 27th, 1892, and of all acts supplementary thereto, or amendatory thereof.

And thereafter, to-wit: On the said 5th day of July, 1912, said Board of Trustees awarded the Contract for said work to the lowest regular responsible bidder, to-wit: D. C. Howard, at the price named for said work in his proposal on file, to-wit:

Grading, per linear foot 20 cents, Oil and tamping, per square foot of cement curb 2 1/2 cents, Sidewalk, per square foot of cement sidewalk, 50 1/2 cents.

And that said award has been approved by the President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, City Clerk's Office, City of Tropico, California, July 9th, 1912, S. M. STREET, City Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, July 9, 1912.

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